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1935

During the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association's annual meeting in March 2002, **Amos W. Stults** was honored with the Veterinarian of the Year Award from the Central New Jersey VMA. He is an emeritus member and former president of the NJVMA. Dr. Stults is past director of Hopewell Veterinary Group, located in Hopewell, N.J., where his son, **Amos W. Stults, Jr., V⁷³**, practices.

1940

Martin M. Kaplan wrote *The Pennsylvania Gazette* that he is director of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs office in Geneva. Pugwash, recipient of the 1995 Nobel Peace Prize, is an international scientific organization dedicated to reducing and eliminating the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and war. Dr. Kaplan has been married since 1959 to Lenna, and they have two sons, Peter and Jeffrey, both doctors in the U.S.; their daughter, Alexa, and two grandchildren, Emma and Alex, live in France.

1945

Jack K. Robbins was honored by the California Thoroughbred Trainers with a dinner in April 2002 to benefit the Edwin J. Gregson Foundation, which provides scholarships for the children of California backstretch workers. A longtime equine practitioner at California racetracks, Dr. Robbins was recognized for his many contributions to the Thoroughbred horse racing industry.

1953

William A. Truban was profiled by the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine (VMRCVM) in their Winter-Spring 2002 newsletter. Two sons, both VMRCVM graduates, followed in their father's footsteps and are veterinarians. One son has taken over the Shenandoah Animal Hospital, which Dr. Truban started in Woodstock, Va., in the same year he graduated from Penn. Dr. Truban served in the Senate of Virginia for 21 years, including 15 years as Minority Leader. As a senator, he was instrumental in the establishment of the VMRCVM. Dr. Truban also has served as president of the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association and been honored as their Veterinarian of the Year.

1954

William M. Adams, Jr., e-mailed his own memories after reading the special New Bolton Center 50th Anniversary issue of *Bellwether*. Dr. Adams wrote, in part, "What a flood of wonderful memories you elicited. We certainly did not see clinical cases in those days at NBC but we were exposed to an exotic environment (as opposed to West Philly), flavored with a most sincere, dedicated faculty. ... We all knew our class roll alphabetically and could spiel it off in our sleep. We were always present because someone would say 'here' when your name was called. ... There was, always, Dr. Boucher, a more dedicated, loyal Penn faculty member did not exist. My, how we responded to big B. He came down on us like a thundercloud if we did not give 100%. Another classmate, Bill Nehoda, and I went deer hunting that meant taking time off, skipping school that is. Well big B had no use for that. Dr. Boucher never forgot us at special chore time nor did he ever forgive us. However we became very good personal friends thereafter. ... Dr. Marshak's description of his first glimpse of the 'antediluvian Quad' brought to mind the time our five-year-old son was placed on the back of a huge drafter in Huidekoper Field. He promptly fell off but due to the amount of organic material in the Field he was not injured."

1959

Todd Addis was also moved to write after reading the New Bolton Center 50th Anniversary issue of *Bellwether*. Dr. Addis reminisced about the senior year pranks of his class and those of the classmates of his father, Clarkson Addis, Sr., V¹⁷. "My father's classmates [outdid the pranks of my class] by the dismantlement of a professor's carriage, moving it to the roof of [the Quadrangle Building] and reassembled it in the hitching position. I guess there was no safe place to tie the horse on the roof so they left him earthed," wrote Dr. Addis.

Uri Bargai, professor emeritus at The Koret School of Veterinary Medicine of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, wrote to Dean Kelly after receiving the special New Bolton Center 50th Anniversary issue of *Bellwether*. Dr. Bargai wrote, in part, "Reading the last *Bellwether* was exceptionally emotional to me. It arouse back all my memories from my days at the School, when we lived as students in the Farm House, later renamed the Allam House. These were the

days when Bill Boucher, Bob Marshak, Charlie Raker, Dave Detweiler, and Jacques Jenny were our immediate teachers with whom we associated on a daily basis since there were only 37 students in the class." He continued, "It was this issue of *Bellwether* which brought back to me the beginning of my 43 years of professional activity, and the spirit of my alma mater."

1966

Barry N. Kellogg, team leader of Veterinary Medical Assistance Team (VMAT) 1, was honored with the other VMAT team leaders for aiding in the search-and-rescue efforts at Ground Zero in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks. The team leaders received the American Veterinary Medical Association's (AVMA) President's Award during its Annual Convention in July 2002. The award recognizes individuals and groups inside and outside veterinary medicine who have made a positive impact on animal, human or public health, veterinary organizations, and the profession. According to Dr. Kellogg, "We're truly humbled and honored by this recognition. We had a chance to do something even if it was small, and for that we are grateful."

During the Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association's annual meeting in May 2002, Dr. Kellogg was honored with a Merit Award for his dedication and leadership of VMAT-1.

1967

Lenn R. Harrison, director of the Livestock Disease Diagnostic Center (LDDC) at the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, was quoted in the May 13, 2002, issue of *The New York Times* about Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome (MRLS). The LDDC is charged with the diagnoses of animal diseases and performance of tests which safeguard the health of the animal population in Kentucky, and has played an active role in studying MRLS, a disease that has occurred among pregnant mares in central Kentucky and resulted in losses estimated at \$336 million in 2001 for the Thoroughbred industry.

1968

Richard A. Mansmann was inducted in 2002 into the International Equine Veterinarians Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was created in 1997 by the *American Farriers Journal* to recognize veterinarians who have contributed

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to the knowledge and recognition of proper hoof care for horses. He was recognized for his outstanding accomplishments in equine hoof health. Dr. Mansmann has recently rejoined North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine as clinical professor and director of the College's new Equine Health Program. He is the co-author of the definitive book, *Equine Lameness*, which investigates therapy, the disease and treatment.

1971

Gerald E. Pietsch writes that that his son, Gregory, has just graduated from the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine and has accepted a one-year rotating internship in Atlanta. Dr. Pietsch's daughter, Katherine, has just completed her first year at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine.

1972

During the Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association's annual meeting in May 2002, **Paul C. Gambardella** was honored with a Merit Award for his contributions to the profession and the

dressage, driving, eventing, and jumping. She has been an AAEP member since 1974 and is co-facilitator of the Performance Horse Forum at the AAEP Annual Convention.

1974

R. Wayne Randolph was honored with induction as a Distinguished Practitioner in the National Academy of Practice in Veterinary Medicine of the National Academies of Practice (NAP) in April 2002. Founded in 1981, the NAP is an organization devoted to promoting quality health care for all through interdisciplinary practice, education and research. The NAP has participated in important healthcare public policy debates, and has promoted the field of interdisciplinary efforts through health policy forums and membership symposia, and through the creation of policy and position publications and papers.

Salvatore M. Zeitlin was profiled by the *Palm Beach Post* in July 2002. Dr. Zeitlin volunteers as the executive director and veterinarian at the Palm Beach Zoo in West Palm Beach, Fl. According to Dr. Zeitlin, "I am motivated and

dedicated to do whatever I can to create the best possible zoo for this community." He also continues a limited role in his former practice, VCA Palm Beach County Animal Hospital in Lake Worth, Fl.

1975

Raymond W. Stock has been selected as a 2002-03 American Veterinary Medical Association/American Veterinary Medical Foundation Congressional Science Fellow. Congressional Science Fellows serve for one year in Washington, D.C., as consultants, researchers, and scientific resources on the staffs of Members of Congress or Congressional Committees. Dr. Stock is an associate veterinarian at the VCA Northside Animal Hospital in Bethlehem, Pa., and is pursuing a Master of Bioethics Degree at Penn.

Sally Oblas Walshaw and her husband, Richard, who was a resident at VHUP in the

mid-1970s, have left the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine for the Atlantic Veterinary College at the University of Prince Edward Island. Sally serves as associate professor and Director of Animal Resources & Attending Veterinarian. Richard is professor of surgery in the Department of Companion Animals.

1978

Anna E. Worth was elected to the board of directors of the American Animal Hospital Association on March 27, 2002. Dr. Worth is the hospital director and owner of the West Mountain Animal Hospital located in Shaftsbury, Vt.

1979

Margaret Landi received the Charles River Prize from the American Veterinary Medical Association during its Annual Convention in July 2002. This prize is awarded by the Charles River Foundation to recognize distinguished contributions to the field of laboratory animal science by an AVMA member veterinarian. A worldwide vice-president of Laboratory Animal Science for Research and Development at GlaxoSmithKline, she provides guidance to over 400 professional staff members in six countries who work and care for animals. Dr. Landi helped to establish the first post-doctoral program in laboratory animal medicine at the company.

1980

Steven W. Atwood was profiled by *The Martha's Vineyard Times* in May 2002. Dr. Atwood performed an emergency cesarean section on a five-year-old miniature horse. The surgery was conducted with the assistance of a gynecologist and in a barnyard, as there is no medical facility on Martha's Vineyard to accommodate horses. According to Dr. Atwood, "It was as MASH as it could get." He added, "To save any animal that could not be saved under any other circumstances is just wonderful."

1982

Julia A. Langenberg was quoted in the August 7, 2002, edition of *The New York Times* about chronic wasting disease, the variant of mad cow disease, that has killed deer and elk in Wisconsin. Dr. Langenberg serves as the veterinarian and administrator of the deer testing program for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.



R. Wayne Randolph (far left), V'74, with his fellow 2002 inductees into the National Academy of Practice in Veterinary Medicine.

human-animal bond through his commitment to MVMA and his work at Angell Memorial Hospital in Boston, most recently as chief of staff. Dr. Gambardella now serves as the director of Oradell Animal Hospital in Paramus, N.J.

1973

Midge Leitch was recently elected to a three-year term as the District II-Middle Atlantic director of the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP). Dr. Leitch owns London-derry Equine Clinic, a referral veterinary practice in Cochranville, Pa., where she specializes in the care of performance horses competing in

1984

Gary A. Raiczky is the owner of a new veterinary hospital, Plantation Pet Health Center, in Frisco, Texas. Dr. Raiczky was remarried on August 15, 2001, and honeymooned with his new wife, Patti, in Jamaica. The veterinarian of Boudreaux, a bloodhound, Dr. Raiczky nominated the dog for induction into the professional category of the Texas Animal Hall of Fame. Boudreaux was inducted in November 2001 by the Texas Veterinary Medical Association in recognition of his work as a K-9 member of the Search One Rescue Team, which serves the North Texas area. In September 2001, the American Kennel Club also honored Boudreaux with its Award for Canine Excellence as the top search and rescue dog of the year in the nation.

1985

Mary P. Ezzo-Meiers was profiled by *The Philadelphia Inquirer* in September 2002. In "Running is for the dogs – and a vet," Dr. Ezzo-Meiers is interviewed about running with her dogs. "Just like people, dogs were meant to move," she said. "If you don't give them something to do, a way to release energy and relieve stress, they'll go bananas and tear things up." Dr. Ezzo-Meiers has run in every Philadelphia Distance Run, a half marathon, since the first race in 1977. She practices at Buck Road Animal Hospital in Holland, Pa.

Charles E. Rupprecht was quoted in the August 13, 2002, edition of *The New York Times* about federal and state efforts to eradicate rabies in the wild by dropping millions of vaccine-laced pieces of bait throughout the United States. Dr. Rupprecht is the chief of the rabies section at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

During the Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association's annual meeting in May 2002, **Elizabeth S. Sinnigen** was honored with a Merit Award for her service to MVMA members for a number of years in a variety of capacities. In addition, she was recognized for tirelessly representing MVMA in the development of the Massachusetts Emergency Animal Response Team. Dr. Sinnigen has also, through private practice, worked to strengthen the human-animal bond with clients and contributed to colleagues' development through mentoring and informal support.

Teresa J. Sylvina has been recently named Virginia Tech's University Veterinarian and Director of the Office of Laboratory Animal Resources. She will also serve as an assistant professor in the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine's Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology. She received her Master's of Public Health with an emphasis on international health from The Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Sylvina also earned a Humanitarian Assistance Certification from Johns Hopkins via a joint program their School of Hygiene and Public Health operates with the International Committee of the Red Cross. She is also board certified by the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine.

1989

Nancy E. Brennan-Gorman was quoted in the June 2, 2002, edition of *The New York Times*, about Exogenous, a racehorse who died from an accident caused by spooking on the way to the gate in the Breeder's Cup 2001. A win would have guaranteed her title as the best 3-year-old filly of last year's racing season. Dr. Sue McDonnell, the founding head of The Havemeyer Equine Behavior Program at New Bolton Center, was also quoted in the article.

Shirley Yeo Llizo sent this class note via e-mail: "After graduation, I worked in a small/exotic animal veterinary practice in Central New Jersey where I met my husband, Nestor Llizo. In May 1990, I was invited to be the veterinarian at the Singapore Zoo where I had worked before coming to America for my studies. I spent three exciting years in Singapore, where we got married, and lived on the zoo grounds. In April 1993, we returned to New Jersey, and a year later moved for my present job at the Houston Zoo. It has been, and still is, an exciting and rewarding career as a zoo veterinarian, working with such a variety of animals, many of which are endangered.



Shirley Yeo Llizo, V'89, examining a one-week old giant anteater which is being hand raised at the Houston Zoo.

The excellent education, which I received at Penn, helped prepare me for this wonderful career. For anyone who wishes to contact me, my work number is (713) 533-6630 and my e-mail address is <syecollizo@juno.com>."

Michele Ann Salata serves as secretary on the 2002-03 Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association Executive Board.

1990

Peter L. Vogel is a new diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. Dr. Vogel is a staff surgeon with the Southern California Veterinary Referral Group in Irvine, Calif.

1991

William P. Rives was profiled by *The Philadelphia Inquirer* in July 2002. Since 1993, Dr. Rives has served as the veterinarian at the 350-acre Six Flags Wild Safari in Ocean

County, N.J. The park's unique 4.5-mile drive-thru configuration makes it completely different from visiting a zoo, as animals can walk right up to vehicles. The park features 1,200 animals representing 52 exotic species. According to Dr. Rives, "I remember when the park got built," in 1974. "I was a kid then, but I always wanted to be a vet," said Rives. Before graduating from Penn, he

worked at the park as a gatekeeper and seasonal warden.

1993

Mindy A. Cohan answers pet questions monthly on "Kids Corner," a one-hour, call-in radio program for kids aged 7-16, which is produced at WXPB-FM, the non-commercial radio station of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Cohan practices at Old Marple Veterinary Hospital in Springfield, Pa.

1995

Kathryn E. Kropp was profiled in the *Pottsville Republican & Evening Herald* of Pottsville, Pa., in July 2002. She recently

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returned to her hometown of Tamaqua, Pa., and opened her own practice, Companion Animal Hospital. "I've been really lucky, because I always knew what I wanted to do forever," she said of becoming a veterinarian. According to Dr. Kropp, "I've always loved animals . . . You want to help them, but they don't talk. They can't tell you what's wrong. You have to find out."

1997

Richard A. Zappala II has been selected as a 2002-03 American Veterinary Medical Association/American Veterinary Medical Foundation Congressional Science Fellow. Dr. Zappala is an equine veterinarian, and is the founding partner of Pure Pride Spring Water, which donates

a percentage of its proceeds to AIDS and community-related charities.

E. Scott Weber is the new head veterinarian at the New England Aquarium in Boston.

2001

Blayne P. Bergenstock and **Adam D. Miller** were married on October 13, 2001. Dr. Bergenstock practices at Kinzua Veterinary Clinic in Warren, Pa. Dr. Miller practices at Pine Haven Veterinary Clinic in Kane, Pa.

2002

Elizabeth L. Gordan married Stewart A. Ellis on June 1, 2002. She is an intern at The Animal Medical Center in New York City.

Births

1995

Carolyn Mary Selavka, a daughter, Chloe Makenna, on March 25, 2002.

Deaths

1934

Robert L. Hummer on September 19, 2001.

1937

Arthur V. Bartschlager on August 11, 2002. Dr. Bartschlager joined the School's faculty in 1948 and retired in 1982 as associate professor of animal reproduction. He specialized in fertility and obstetrical problems in cattle.

1939

Russell D. Holt on March 10, 2001.

William Murphey on December 11, 1990.

Harold M. Summers on December 21, 2001.

1940

Raymond E. Kerlin, Jr. on June 12, 2002.

1943

Albert M. Berkelhammer on July 30, 2002.

Ellsworth Dougherty III on January 10, 2002.

Robert B. Frater on November 28, 1999.

John M. Liscomb on November 14, 1996.

John Edward Stefanick on April 18, 2002.

1945

John H. Hopkins on January 17, 2002.

1946

Cecilia D. Powers on April 17, 2002.

1947

Thomas E. Bowman on August 10, 1995.

Howard E. Markle, Sr. on April 27, 2002.

Father of Howard E. Markle, Jr., V'80.

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